Committee to study the entry of Foreign TV and Radio

1019. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to study the entry of foreign TV and Radio in India; and

(b) if so, the composition, terms, reference and other details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telecast of Regional Programmes

1020. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecast of the region programmes on Doordarshan has been increased; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to telecast them throughout India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programmes of the regional language satellite channels can be viewed in all parts of the country with the help of an appropriate dish-antenna.

Availability of Doordarshan Programme in Middle East

1021. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan is making any efforts to reach Indian population presently living in the Middle East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revenue likely to be earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan is considering to introduce a 3 hours service in the morning from Monday to Friday primarily targetted to non-resident Indians living in the Midde East and other parts of Asia. The proposed service will consist of news, music, serials, film based programmes etc. Since the proposal is still in its formative stage, the details of the revenue likely to be earned cannot be indicated at present.

Discontinuation of "World this Week"

1022. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether there is any proposal to discontinue telecasting of programme called 'World This Week';

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that this programme telecast for the last year was very popular;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to launch any new programme in its place; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?